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Amendments to the Claims:

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25. (currently amended) An automated voting system comprising:

- a) at least one automated identical voting device;
- b) said voting device having an integrated computer program using an integrated pointing device;
- c) said voting device having at least one counter for counting votes;
- d) said voting device having a graphical user interface for displaying information and ballots;
- e) said voting device interconnected to other said voting devices;
- f) said integrated computer program allowing the a selection of one of said voting devices to control the remaining said interconnected voting devices;
- g) said votes stored in multiple places in said voting device for retrieval; and,
- h) test programs to verify the accuracy of said voting system pre and post election.

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26. (currently amended) The automated voting device of claim 25 wherein ~~the a~~ computer program includes the ability for the voter to write in votes and record the write in votes.
27. (previously presented) The automated voting device of claim 26 wherein said voting device includes at least one (1) security check operation.
28. (previously presented) The automated voting device of Claim 27 wherein one (1) of said security operations is an external device inserted into said voting device to activate said voting device.
29. (previously presented) The automated voting system of claim 25 wherein said voting system includes at least one (1) security check operation.
30. (currently amended) The automated voting system of Claim 29 wherein one (1) of said security operations is ~~the an~~ entry of an internal password provided by ~~the an~~ election authority.
31. (currently amended) The automated voting device of Claim 27 wherein a seal, having a unique identification number, is provided by the election authorities is affixed to said voting device and the unique seal identification number is recorded separately from said voting device..
32. (currently amended) The automated voting device of Claim 25 wherein a touch screen is the only interface between ~~the a~~ voter and the automated voting device.
33. (currently amended) The automated voting device of Claim 25 wherein said computer program permits the voter to void ~~the a~~ ballot prior to casting.

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34. (currently amended) The automated voting device of Claim 25 wherein the computer program includes one (1) or more languages and the a voter can access the language of choice.
35. (currently amended) The automated voting device of Claim 25 wherein the a voter confirms on said interface all selections made by poll workers and as portrayed on the interface.
36. (previously presented) The automated voting system of Claim 25 wherein a printer is connected to said voting system for printing results of the vote on said system.
37. (currently amended) The automated voting system of Claim 25 wherein the plurality of interconnected automated voting devices are controlled as to the a selection of valid information by any one of said automated voting devices chosen to control said automated voting system.
38. (currently amended) The automated voting system of Claim 37 wherein said automated voting devices are programmed to transfer data associated with the voting to other locations while maintaining the vote results from individual automated voting devices separate.
- 39.- 47. (canceled)